

Sun Safety Policy

Rationale

This policy represents the agreed principles for sun protection at St Leonard's First School & Nursery. It has been agreed by the Local Academy Council (LAC) and the school staff.

We want our staff and pupils to enjoy the sun safely. We believe that sun safety is important to ensure that pupils and staff are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultraviolet rays in sunlight. We will work with staff, pupils and parents/guardians to achieve this.

Education

- All pupils will learn about sun safety and protecting their skin through curriculum opportunities at least once a year.
- At the beginning of the summer term every year, parents/guardians will be reminded of the dangers of sun exposure and preventative measures, and informing them of our sun safety policy. It will explain what the school is doing about sun protection and how parents/guardians are asked to help.
- Staff will be reminded in April every year about the schools sun safety policy and the need to incorporate sun safety knowledge in PSHE.
- Pupils will be told to about the importance of drinking more water when it is hot and will be encouraged to bring water to school and to make use of water coolers / drinks stations.
- We will regularly remind pupils, staff and parents/guardians about sun safety through newsletters and letters regarding educational visits and activities for pupils.
- Staff will be encouraged to praise pupils that adhere to sun protection guidelines.
- Staff will be encouraged to remind pupils of the need for sun protection during social times if they are ignoring guidelines.

Protection

We will provide an environment that enables pupils and staff to stay safe in the sun.

Shading

- Staff will encourage pupils to use shady areas of the school and its grounds during breaks, lunch hours, sports days and trips out.
- We will hold outdoor activities in areas of shade whenever possible.
- We have a shaded areas at the schools and will encourage pupils to use it.
- We will review the provision of adequate shade for all pupils and staff yearly.

Timetabling

- The Sports Day event(s) is held during the morning to avoid the midday sun.
- If the sun is too hot PE lessons or any outdoor lessons will be held indoors, will be held under shade or will have their time slot changed.

Clothing

- We will actively encourage all pupils to wear a sunhat (ideally with a protective back flap) when playing outside.
- Pupils will wear t-shirts during PE or outdoor lessons to cover up their shoulders.
- We will encourage staff and parents/guardians to act as good role models by practising sun safety
- Parents/guardians will be asked to ensure their children wear appropriate cover clothing during sunny periods
- Children who suffer with hay fever are allowed to wear sunglasses, but this will need to be supported by a letter from parents.

Sunscreen

- The use of all day sunscreen will be encouraged across the whole school day and during outdoor school trips or visits.
- Due to allergies sunscreen should be nut free eg no almond scented sunscreen
- We will remind parents to apply sun screen before school and if necessary children will be able to reapply themselves at lunchtime, in certain circumstances staff will support the application of sunscreen.
- Sunscreen needs to be clearly labelled and it needs to be handed in to be kept safely in class.
- We will remind parents/guardians to provide their child(ren) with roll on sunscreen, aerosols are to be discouraged
- We WILL NOT hold a stock of sunscreen in the school.
- Parents and school will remind children that their sun screen cannot be shared with other pupils

Reviewed by: Mrs T.A Parton

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This policy will be reviewed every 3 years.